

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KOICHIRO KAWAGUCHI) : Examiner: J. Culler
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 09/900,949. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

US '114, US '023, US '807, US '440, US '234 and US '007 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated October 7, 2002, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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